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TAKE 1 -- OGARKOV ADDRESSES NEWS CONFERENCE

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(TEXT) MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 9 TASS -- MARSHAL NIKOLAY OGARKOV, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE USSR, HAS ADDRESSED A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PRESS CENTER OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR TODAY. FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF HIS STATEMENT:

THE NATURE OF THE PROVOCATION PERPETRATED BY THE U.S. SECRET SERVICES IN THE SOVIET FAR EAST ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 1 AND THE CHARACTER OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS CONNECTION BY THE SOVIET AIR DEFENCE FORCES WERE PRESENTED WITH UTMOST CLARITY IN THE STATEMENT OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 6 AND IN A TASS REPORT MADE EARLIER ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

TODAY WE ARE GIVING A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH DUE ACCOUNT OF THE FINDINGS OF A CAREFUL INVESTIGATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHAT HAPPENED CONDUCTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. I MUST SAY FRANKLY THAT, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT TOOK PLACE, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED ON THE SAME DAY A SPECIAL HIGHLY COMPETENT STATE COMMISSION. IT INCLUDED RESPONSIBLE SPECIALISTS AND EXPERTS OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, IN PARTICULAR, THE STATE AVIATION INSPECTION OF THE USSR (GOSAVIADZOR). THE COMMISSION HAS PRODUCED A REPORT. I RELY IN MY STATEMENT ON THE FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION.

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///BY THE COMMISSION.

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(TEXT) IT HAS BEEN PROVED IRREFUTABLY THAT THE INTRUSION OF THE PLANE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN AIRLINES INTO SOVIET AIRSPACE WAS A DELIBERATELY, THOROUGHLY PLANNED INTELLIGENCE OPERATION. IT WAS DIRECTED FROM CERTAIN CENTERS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN. A CIVILIAN PLANE WAS CHOSEN FOR IT DELIBERATELY, DISREGARDING OR, POSSIBLY, COUNTING ON LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE. HENCE THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY "INCIDENT," AS IT IS REFERRED TO IN THE WESTERN PRESS. NATURALLY, ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT HAPPENED RESTS WHOLLY AND FULLY WITH ITS ORGANIZERS.

NOW ALLOW ME TO GO OVER TO FACTUAL DATA ON INDIVIDUAL STAGES OF THAT PROVOCATIVE FLIGHT. HAVE A LOOK AT THE MAP.

THE FIRST STAGE IS THE BEGINNING OF THE FLIGHT. THEN SOON AFTER THE PLANE TOOK OFF FROM THE STOPOVER AIRFIELD AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, IT DID NOT FOLLOW THE ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL ROUTE BUT ASSUMED A COURSE TOWARD KAMCHATKA. BY THE MOMENT IT WAS PICKED UP BY OUR RADAR SYSTEMS AT A POINT 800 KILOMETERS NORTH EAST OF PETROPAYLOVSK-KAMCHATKA, IT HAD ALREADY VEERED ABOUT 500 KILOMETERS OFF COURSE. BUT OVER THAT TIME THE FLIGHT WAS PROCEEDING WITHIN THE VISIBILITY RANGE OF THE RADAR AIDS OF THE U.S. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICE AND THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM OF THE USA. IN SUCH CONDITIONS THEY COULD NOT POSSIBLY EITHER "LOSE" THE PLANE OR FAIL TO NOTICE SUCH A GREAT DEFLECTION FROM THE ESTABLISHED ROUTE. SUCH A POSSIBILITY IS RULED OUT. THEN THE QUESTION ARISES: WHY DID NOT THEY RECTIFY THE COURSE IF THE CASE IN POINT WAS A USUAL AIRLINER ON A SCHEDULED FLIGHT? TO THIS VERY DAY THE USA HAS FAILED TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

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///ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

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(TEXT) FURTHER. THE SAID INTERNATIONAL ROUTE IS KNOWN TO HAVE MODERN FLIGHT SUPPORT RADIO AIDS. ABOUT 12,000 PLANES FLY THIS ROUTE EVERY YEAR. THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ON THAT INTERNATIONAL ROUTE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES OF THE USA ON THE STRETCH FROM ALASKA TO A BEAM (AS RECEIVED) OF KAMCHATKA AND AFTER THAT POINT ON -- OF JAPAN. THE ROUTE HAS SPECIAL CHECK POINTS ("NEBI", "NEEVI", "NIPPI", ETC.). OVER EACH OF THEM AIRLINERS ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS SHOULD FIX THEIR POSITION AND REPORT IT TO EARTH, WHILE THE GROUND SERVICE SHOULD STRICTLY MONITOR THEIR PASSING. THE QUESTION IS: WHY THEN THE AMERICAN SERVICES, FACED WITH THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REPORTS CONCERNING THE SOUTH KOREAN PLANE PASSING THE ESTABLISHED CHECK POINTS, MOREOVER, FACED WITH THE ABSENCE OF THE AIRLINER FROM THE ROUTE, DID NOT SOUND THE ALARM AT ONCE? TO DATE NO ANSWER HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THIS QUESTION EITHER.

I WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN PLANE ENTERED THE ZONE COVERED BY SOVIET RADAR SYSTEMS PRECISELY IN THE AREA WHICH IS CONSTANTLY PATROLLED BY AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT, SPECIFICALLY RC-135 PLANES. WE DETECTED AN INTELLIGENCE PLANE RC-135 IN THE AREA THIS TIME AT 2 HOURS 45 MINUTES LOCAL (KAMCHATKA) TIME ON SEPTEMBER 1. IT WAS ON A SOMEWHAT STRANGE PATROL. AT 4 HOURS 51 MINUTES (KAMCHATKA TIME) ANOTHER PLANE WITH A RADAR BLIP ANALAGOUS TO THAT OF THE RC-135 WAS DETECTED IN THE SAME REGION AND AT THE SAME HEIGHT -- 8,000 METRES. THE PLANES APPROACHED EACH OTHER (UP TO THE TOTAL CONVERGENCE OF THE BLIPS ON THE SCREEN) AND FLEW TOGETHER FOR SOME TIME (ABOUT 10 MINUTES). THEN ONE OF THEM, AS WAS REPEATEDLY OBSERVED EARLIER, HEADED FOR ALASKA, WHILE THE SECOND ONE HEADED FOR PETROPAYLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY. NATURALLY, THE CONCLUSION WAS MADE AT SOVIET ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE COMMAND POSTS: AN INTELLIGENCE PLANE IS APPROACHING THE USSR'S AIRSPACE.

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///THE USSR'S AIRSPACE.

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(TEXT) THE SECOND STAGE IS ACTIONS ABOVE KAMCHATKA. AT 5:30 THE INTRUDER PLANE APPROACHED KAMCHATKA. HE WAS HEADING STRAIGHT TOWARDS A MAJOR BASE OF THE USSR'S STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES. IT DID NOT RESPOND TO ANY INQUIRIES BY SOVIET GROUND CONTROL AND AIR DEFENCE PLANES. AT THE SAME TIME, RADIO MONITORING STATIONS DETECTED PERIODICALLY TRANSMITTED BRIEF CODED SIGNALS, WHICH ARE USUALLY USED FOR TRANSMITTING INTELLIGENCE DATA. DURING THAT PERIOD ACTIONS OF THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE FORCES WERE DIRECTED EXCLUSIVELY AT ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE PLANE, INCLUDING WITH THE HELP OF GENERAL CALL SIGNAL AT THE FIXED INTERNATIONAL DISTRESS FREQUENCY OF 121.5 MHERTZ (BOTH FROM THE GROUND AND FROM INTERCEPTOR PLANES), AND COMPELLING IT TO LAND AT THE NEAREST SOVIET AIRFIELD. BUT THESE ATTEMPTS FAILED. THE INTRUDER FLEW TOWARDS THE SEA OF OKHOTSK.

THE THIRD STAGE IS ACTIONS IN THE AREA OF ISLAND SAKHALIN. THE ACTIONS OF THE INTRUDER PLANE BECAME OUTRAGEOUS. AS WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER, IT HAD NOT RESPONDED TO THE WARNING SHOTS OF SOVIET INTERCEPTOR PLANES. MOREOVER, IT BEGAN TO CHANGE SIMULTANEOUSLY THE DIRECTION, ALTITUDE AND SPEED OF FLIGHT, OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO EVADE THE AIR DEFENCE PLANES. IT WAS RATHER CHARACTERISTIC THAT 6:32 LOCAL (SAKHALIN) TIME THE INTRUDER PLANE, SHARPLY CHANGING ITS COURSE, CIRCUMVENTED THE POSITIONS OF OUR AIR DEFENCE MISSILE UNITS AND PASSED OVER IMPORTANT MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF ISLAND SAKHALIN. THERE REMAINED NO DOUBTS THAT A RECONNAISSANCE PLANE WAS IN THE AIR.

WHEN THE INTRUDER PLANE REACHED THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF ISLAND SAKHALIN, THE LAST ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO FORCE IT TO LAND ON AN AIRFIELD, FOR WHICH PURPOSE FOUR BURSTS OF WARNING SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM GUNS WITH A TOTAL OF 120 TRACER SHELLS AT 6:20 LOCAL (SAKHALIN) TIME. SINCE EVEN AFTER THAT THE INTRUDER PLANE DID NOT OBEY THE DEMANDS BUT TRIED TO ESCAPE, TAKING A GENERAL COURSE TOWARDS VLADIVOSTOK, AT 6:24 AN INTERCEPTOR PLANE WAS GIVEN THE ORDER TO STOP THE FLIGHT OF THE INTRUDER WITH MISSILES, THE ORDER WHICH WAS FULFILLED.

THE AMERICAN SIDE IS NOW TRYING IN EVERY WAY TO PROVE THAT "THE SOVIETS WANTED FROM THE OUTSET DELIBERATELY TO DESTROY A CIVILIAN AIRLINER." BUT THIS IS AN ABSURDITY. IF THIS AIM HAD INDEED BEEN SET, WE COULD HAVE DESTROYED THE INTRUDER MANY TIMES OVER AND WITH CERTAINTY WHEN IT WAS OVER KAMCHATKA, EVEN WITHOUT SCRAMBLING FIGHTER PLANES BUT WITH AIR DEFENCE MISSILES KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES AS SAM-5, THROUGH THE ZONE OF ACTION OF WHICH THE PLANE WAS PASSING.

IN CONCLUSION I WILL ALLOW MYSELF TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION THAT ALL THE EVENTS BOTH OVER KAMCHATKA AND OVER THE ISLAND OF SAKHALIN WERE TAKING PLACE IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT AND UNDER CONDITIONS OF A CLOUD COVER ALONG THE UPPER EDGE OF WHICH THE INTRUDER WAS FLYING. ITS FLIGHT WAS STOPPED, AS WAS POINTED OUT ABOVE, AT 6:24 LOCAL TIME, WHEREAS THE DAWN ON THAT DAY BROKE AT 7:11 (SUNRISE AT 7:49). HOWEVER, THIS WAS DONE ONLY AFTER THE SOVIET AIR DEFENCE FORCES HAD USED EVERY WARNING MEASURE POSSIBLE UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS. THEIR ACTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT IN STRICT CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW ON THE STATE BORDER OF THE USSR AND WITH THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS. IT IS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EVERY STATE TO DEFEND ITS BORDERS, INCLUDING ITS AIRSPACE.

THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES, STANDING GUARD OVER THE PEACEFUL WORK OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE, CONSTANTLY ARE IN HIGH COMBAT READINESS. THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE SOVIET STATE THEY HAVE BEEN DISCHARGING THEIR DUTIES WITH HONOUR. IN FUTURE, IF NEED BE, THEY WILL ALSO PERFORM THEIR COMBAT TASKS.

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